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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO EUROPE,
DEC. 13 TO JAN. 20

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (GREET, ASST SECRETARY, EUROPEAN BRANCH) CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF NOV 13 THAT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM WILL VISIT 10 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FROM DEC 13 TO JAN 20. NOT ALL DATES FOR VISITS HAVE BEEN FIRMED UP AS YET, BUT PRINCIPAL VISITS WILL BE TO BRUSSELS, LONDON, MOSCOW, AND YUGOSLAVIA. VISIT TO BONN HAD BEEN PROJECTED, BUT IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO SYNCHRONIZE WHITLAM'S TRAVEL WITH PRESENCE OF GERMAN FEDERAL CHANCELLOR IN BONN FOR ANYTHING MORE THAN BRIEF STOPOVER. OTHER VISITS WILL INCLUDE IRELAND (JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS) AND GREECE (JUST AFTER CHRISTMAS), WITH SIDE TIRPS TO ITALY, MALTA, SYRIA, AND CYPRUS.

2. DATT WAS INFORMED BY RAAF OFFICER PLANNING TRAVEL (WHICH WILL BE BY CHARTERED QANTAS AIRCRAFT) THAT TRIP PLANNERS ARE REFERRING TO PROGRAM AS "WHITLAM'S SWAN SONG", A REFERENCE TO WHITLAM'S PRESENT POLITICAL TROUBLES AND PROSPECT OF ELECTIONS IN 1975 WHICH COULD LEAD TO CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT.

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3. TRIP, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR APRIL-MAY,

1974 (BUT WAS POSTPONED DUE TO GENERAL ELECTIONS IN MAY),
HAS BEEN BRIEFLY REFERRED TO IN PRESS RECENTLY, BUT FULL
POLITICAL IMPACT OF TRIP HAS NOT YET BEEN MEASURED, AS
NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. WITH PRESENT
COMPLEX ARRAY OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING AUSTRALIA,
TRIP OF THIS LENGTH AND WITH ITS OBVIOUS EMPHASIS ON
PRIMARILY "TOURIST" VISITS, IS BOUND TO ATTRACT CONSIDER-
ABLE ADVERSE COMMENT.
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